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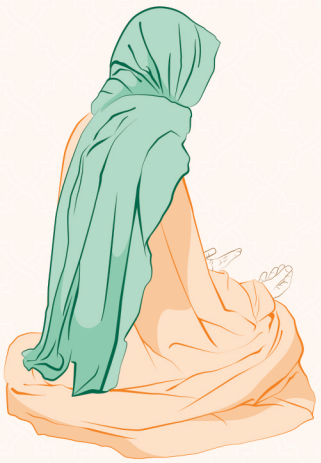

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– PROPHET MUḤAMMAD (Ṣ)

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Introduction

وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تِبْيَانًا لِّكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً وَبُشْرَىٰ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ

… And We have sent down to you the Book (the Qurʾān) as an exposition of everything, a guidance, a mercy, and glad tidings for those who have submitted themselves (to Allah).

(SŪRAH AN-NAḤL 16:89)

The Qurʾān is one of the greatest miracles given to the Noble Prophet (ṣ). Despite having been revealed over 1400 years ago, its lessons, parables, and messages still hold true and can be applied to one's life today. Unfortunately, we do not truly understand the value of the Qurʾān and what it has to offer. Therefore, the *Qurʾān Appreciation* curriculum strives to help fill this gap and instill an appreciation for the Qurʾān in our students from a young age. This curriculum consists of five booklets, each of which cover different aspects of the Qurʾān.

There are 14 verses toward the end of Sūrah al-Furqān that describe 13 qualities of the true servants of ar-Raḥmān (the All-Compassionate). The best examples of these servants are the Prophet (peace be upon him and family) and the Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them). The Prophet of Allah's favorite title was "ʿAbdullāh," meaning "Servant of Allah." Those who want to be like the Prophet and his family can study these characteristics and learn how to live their lives in order to attract the special compassion of the All-Compassionate.

Each of the lessons in this book covers one or two verses from the sūrah, along with a summary, explanatory points, lessons from the verse(s), and related vocabulary. The associated exercises are meant to help students learn some of the points from the lesson, as well as to think and apply what they've learned.

This book is the fifth booklet in the *Qurʾān Appreciation* curriculum series. The target age group is upper middle school.

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Walking Humbly on the Earth

Verse 63

Vocabulary

Servants or slaves (of Allah)	عِباد
The All-Compassionate	الرَّحْمٰنِ
They walk	يَمْشُونَ
Humbly	هَوْنًا
The earth	الْأَرْضِ
The ignorant ones	الْجَاهِلُونَ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا ﴿٦٣﴾

The servants of the All-Compassionate are those who walk humbly on the earth, and when the ignorant address them, they respond properly.

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:63)

Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

This verse demonstrates two amazing qualities of the servants of the All-Compassionate:

1. They walk humbly on the earth

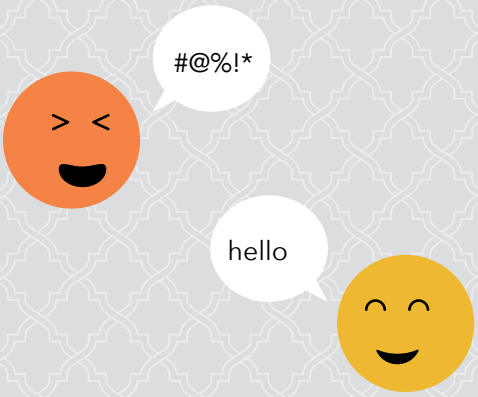
2. They respond properly to ignorant people

The servants of the All-Compassionate remember that Allah is ar-Raḥmān (the All-Compassionate). They have hope in His compassion and mercy.

Walking Humbly

Their worship of Allah leads them to "walk" in life humbly, meaning that they move around and interact with others without acting arrogantly and oppressively. Their humbleness is demonstrated in the way they talk, walk, and carry themselves. This is because they remember Allah constantly and see themselves and all of Allah's creations as being completely dependent upon Him.

Their humbleness to Allah means they would never show fake humility to an oppressor or a tyrant just to impress them and gain favor with them.



Responding Properly

When someone, out of ignorance or foolishness, says something they don't like, or is difficult for them to hear, they respond in a proper way without saying anything foolish, useless, or sinful. They do not retaliate unnecessarily.

Walking Humbly on the Earth: WORKSHEET

1. What two characteristics of the servants of the All-Merciful are mentioned in this verse?

(1) They walk humbly on the earth

(2) They respond properly to ignorant people

2. What is the main cause of the servants being humble?

This is because they remember Allah constantly and see themselves and all of Allah's creations as being completely dependent upon Him.

3. Why does responding properly involve not retaliating unnecessarily?

Answers may vary

4. Give an example of not retaliating unnecessarily.

Answers may vary

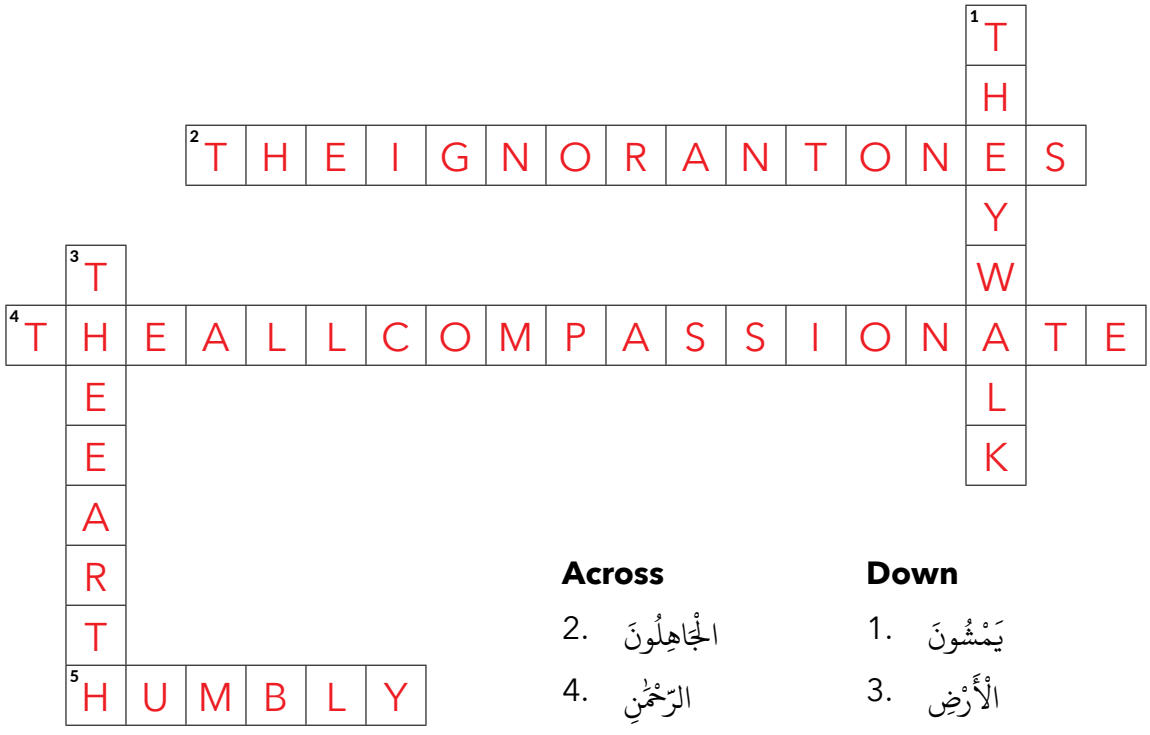
5. Are there any cases where Allah would not want His servants to show humility to others?

They would never show fake humility to an oppressor or a tyrant just to impress them and gain favor with them.

6. Select the correct translation for each Arabic word. Bubble in your answer:

a.	عِباد	● Servants or slaves (of Allah)	○ Helpers or aids (of Allah)
b.	الرَّحْمٰنِ	● The All-Compassionate	○ The All-Merciful
c.	الْأَرْضِ	○ The universe	● The earth
d.	الْجَاهِلُونَ	● The ignorant ones	○ The unbelievers
e.	هَوْنًا	○ Properly	● Humbly
f.	يَمْشُونَ	○ They pray	● They walk

7. Complete the crossword below. (Do not include spaces or diacritic marks)



Across

2. الْجَاهِلُونَ
4. الرَّحْمٰنِ
5. هَوْنًا

Down

1. يَمْشُونَ
3. الْأَرْضِ

2

Worshippers by Night

Verse 64

Vocabulary

They stay up at night	يَبِيتُونَ
For their Lord	لِرَبِّهِمْ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ يَبِيتُونَ لِرَبِّهِمْ سُجَّدًا
وَقِيَامًا ﴿٦٤﴾

And those who spend the night prostrating themselves before their Lord and standing.

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:64)

Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

This verse mentions the third attribute of the servants of the All-Compassionate, which is:

3. Their sincere worshipping of Allah by night

Of course it is important to worship Allah at all times, but the best time to worship Allah is at night. The best type of worship is that which is dedicated to the Rabb (the Lord), not that which is done to impress others.

Servants of Allah love to stand in prayer and do *sujūd* to Allah.

The Prophet (ṣ) said the following about worshipping at night:

"Performing two rakaʿāt of prayer in the middle of the night is better than the world and what is in it. Surely, if it were not difficult for my nation, I would make this prayer compulsory upon them."

"When man gets out of his pleasant bed and while his eyes are drowsy he tries to make his Lord pleased through his night prayer, Allah takes pride in him and says, 'Don't you see My servant who gets out of his pleasant bed for a prayer that I did not make obligatory on him? Be witness that I forgive him!'"

"Whoever goes to sleep in the state of wuḍūʾ will receive the reward of having worshipped Allah at night until he wakes up."

1. What is the third attribute of the servants of the All-Compassionate mentioned in this verse?

The third attribute of the servants of the All-Compassionate is their sincere worshipping of Allah by night.

2. What is the best type of worship?

The best type of worship is that which is dedicated to the Rabb (the Lord), not that which is done to impress others.

Fill in the blank

3. Servants of Allah love to stand in prayer and do sujūd to Allah.
4. The Prophet (ṣ) said, "Whoever goes to sleep in the state of wuḍūʾ will receive the reward of having worshipped Allah at night until he wakes up."
5. The best time to worship Allah is at night.
6. Write the verse and its translation in the correct order:

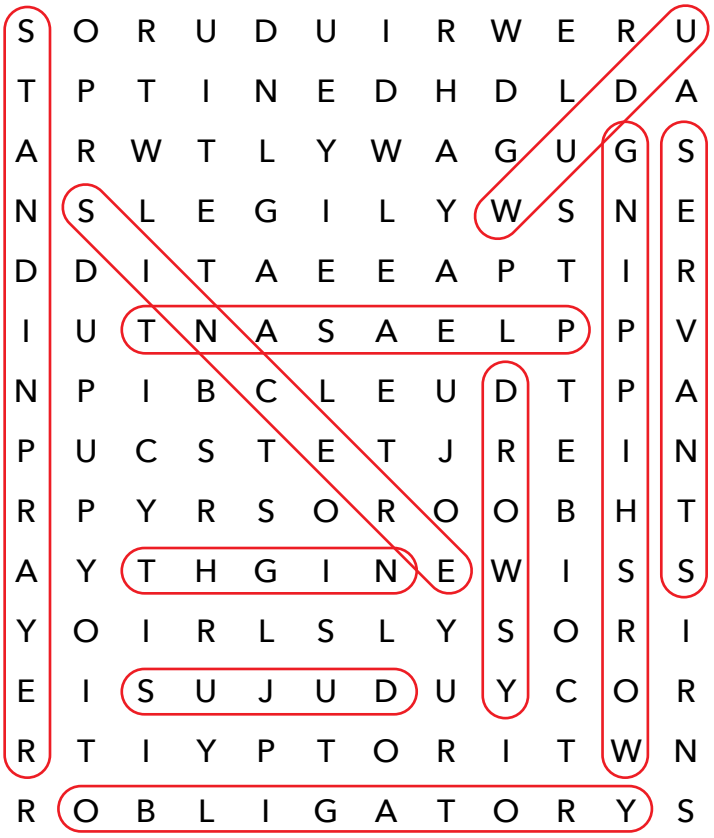
لِرَبِّهِمْ	سُجَّدًا	وَالَّذِينَ	وَقِيَامًا	يَبِيتُونَ

وَالَّذِينَ يَبِيتُونَ لِرَبِّهِمْ سُجَّدًا وَقِيَامًا

and standing. | prostrating themselves | And those who | before their Lord | spend the night

And those who spend the night prostrating themselves before their Lord and standing.

7. Complete the following word search. (Words are without spaces and diacritic marks)



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N	S	L	E	G	I	L	Y	W	S	N	E
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Word List

SINCERE

WORSHIPPING

DROWSY

PLEASANT

OBLIGATORY

SUJUD

STAND IN PRAYER

NIGHT

WUDU

SERVANT

8. Select the correct translation. Bubble in your answer:

يَبِيتُونَ

- ● **A.** They stay up at night
- ○ **B.** They stand and pray
- ○ **C.** They prostrate and stand

لِرَبِّهِمْ

- ○ **A.** For their prayer
- ● **B.** For their Lord
- ○ **C.** For their sujūd

3

Verses 65-66

Seeking Protection from the Punishment

Vocabulary

Punishment	عَذَاب
Difficult and lasting	غَرَامًا

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اصْرِفْ عَنَّا عَذَابَ
جَهَنَّمَ ۖ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ غَرَامًا ﴿٦٥﴾
إِنَّهَا سَاءَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا ﴿٦٦﴾

And those who say, "Our Lord! Turn away the punishment of Hell from us! Truly, its punishment is difficult and lasting. What an evil place to stay and live!"

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:65-66)

Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

These verses mention the fourth attribute of the servants of ar-Raḥmān, which is:

4. They pray to Allah to keep the punishment of Hell away from themselves

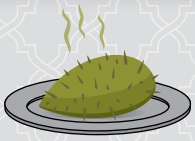
The Messenger of Allah (ṣ) is reported to have said:

"If a single drop of *ḍarīʿ* and *zaqqūm* trickles down in the water reservoirs of the earth, everybody in it would die due to its stench."

Punishment of Hell

The punishment of Hell is very evil, so much that it can't be imagined. The punishment of Hell needs to be taken seriously. Believers are fearful of it, even though along with this fear they have a lot of hope in Allah's compassion and mercy.

For people who are incapable of being purified because of the bad choices they made in this world, the punishment will be lasting and inescapable.



Ḍarīʿ

A type of food of the condemned in Hell that is so horrible that no one would ever willingly go near it

Zaqqūm

A terribly noxious tree that grows from the bottom of Hell, whose fruit is the heads of devils and is eaten by a group of the sinful in Hell

Actions, Words, and Thoughts

Believers don't just say these words, but they also act according to them by staying away from the actions, words, and thoughts that bring about this punishment. That is because Hell and its punishment are the reality of these types of actions, words, and thoughts that are seen in the Hereafter.

1. What is the fourth attribute of the servants of the All-Compassionate mentioned in this verse?

The fourth attribute of the servants of the All-Compassionate is that they pray to Allah to keep the punishment of Hell away from themselves.

2. Define the following terms:

Zaqqūm: a terribly noxious tree that grows from the bottom of Hell, whose fruit is the heads of devils and is eaten by a group of the sinful in Hell

Ḍarīʿ: a type of food of the condemned in Hell that is so horrible that no one would ever willingly go near it

3. Look up three verses of the Qurʾān. Specify which of them refers to zaqqūm and which of them refers to ḍarīʿ.

a. verse 6 of Sūrah al-Ghāshiyah (Sūrah 88): ḍarīʿ

b. verse 62 of Sūrah aṣ-Ṣāffāt (Sūrah 37): zaqqūm

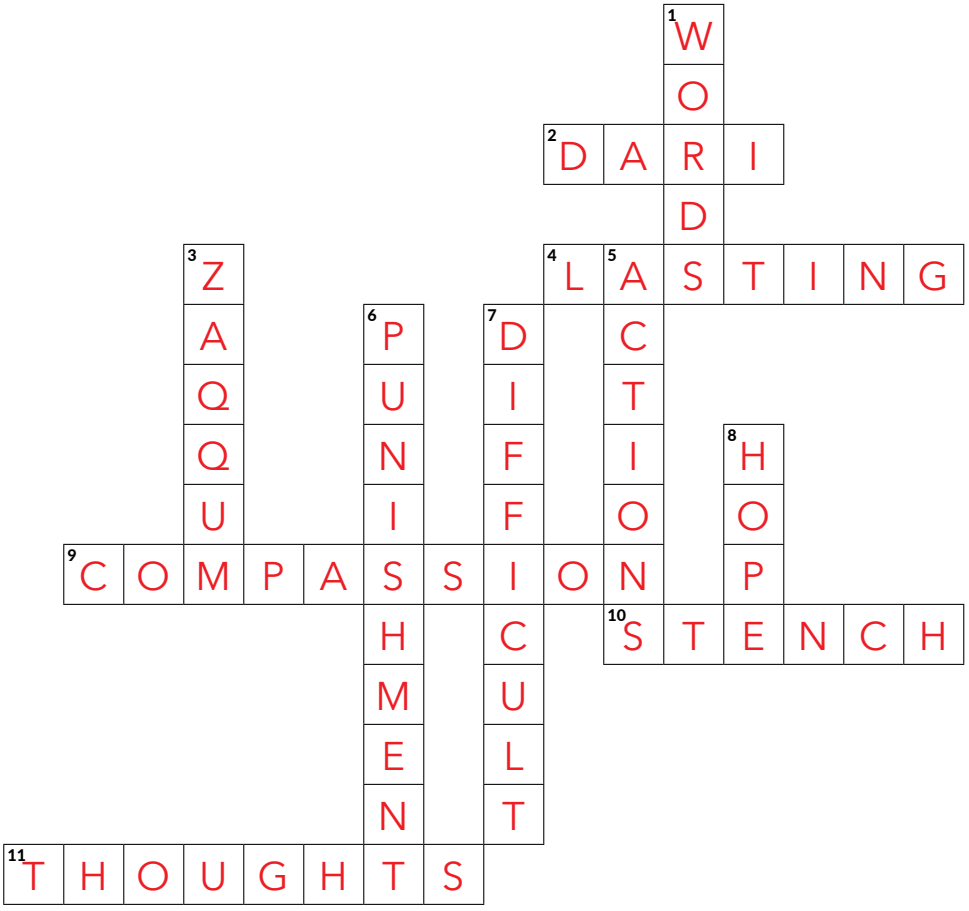
c. verse 43 of Sūrah ad-Dukhān (Sūrah 44): zaqqūm

Fill in the blanks with the Arabic word.

4. "Turn away the عَذَاب of Hell from us!"

5. "Truly, its punishment is غَرَامًا."

6. Complete the crossword below. (Do not include spaces or diacritic marks)



1. "If a single drop of **2 ACROSS** and **3 DOWN** trickles down in the water reservoirs of the earth, everybody in it would die due to its **10 ACROSS** ."

2. Believers are fearful of the **6 DOWN** of Hell, but also have **8 DOWN** in Allah's **9 ACROSS** and mercy.

3. Believers don't just say pray with words, but they also act according to them by staying away from the **5 DOWN**, **1 DOWN**, and **11 ACROSS** that bring about this punishment.

4. غَرَامًا: **7 DOWN** and **4 ACROSS**

4

Giving in a Balanced Manner

Verse 67

Vocabulary

They spent	أَنفَقُوا
They were not extravagant	لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا
They were not miserly	لَمْ يَقْتُرُوا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَنْفَقُوا لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا
وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَٰلِكَ قَوَامًا ﴿٦٧﴾

And those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant nor stingy, but are stationed between the two (extremes).

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:67)

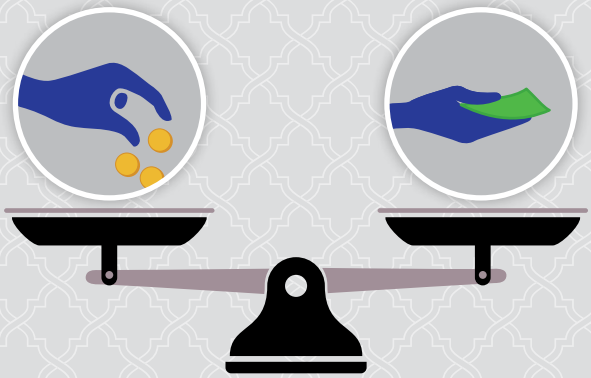
Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

This verse mentions the fifth attribute of the servants of ar-Raḥmān, which is:

5. Spending in the way of Allah in a balanced manner

Giving

Believers give whatever Allah has said is *wājib* to give (examples include *khums*, supporting family, and helping those in need). They also look for opportunities to give more.



Spending

Spending (*infāq*) can be done out of whatever Allah has given them: money (helping the needy), time (serving others), knowledge (teaching), etc.

They spend in moderation. They avoid excess spending. They don't try to spend what they don't have, and they don't spend so much that they are not left with enough to take care of their responsibilities. But they also take care not to be selfish and miserly.

They spend in a fair way according to their financial position. They don't spend on things that are not useful and they don't spend to show off.

1. What is the fifth attribute of the servants of the All-Compassionate mentioned in this verse?

Spending in the way of Allah in a balanced manner.

2. List five qualities of how the servants of the Raḥmān spend what they have:

(Any five of these)

(1) They spend in moderation; (2) They avoid excess spending; (3) They don't try to spend what they don't have; (4) they don't spend so much that they are not left with enough to take care of their responsibilities; (5) they also take care not to be selfish and miserly; (6) They spend in a fair way according to their financial position; (7) They don't spend on things that are not useful; (8) They don't spend to show off.

3. Is infāq only for those who are wealthy? Explain your answer.

No, spending (infāq) can be done out of whatever Allah has given them: money (helping the needy), time (serving others), knowledge (teaching), etc.

Word Bank (words may be used more than once)
Fill in the English translation to make answering the other questions easier.

لَمْ يَقْتُرُوا	أَنفَقُوا	لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا
They were not miserly	They spent	They were not extravagant

Unscramble: Use the clue and unscramble the Arabic letters to make a word.

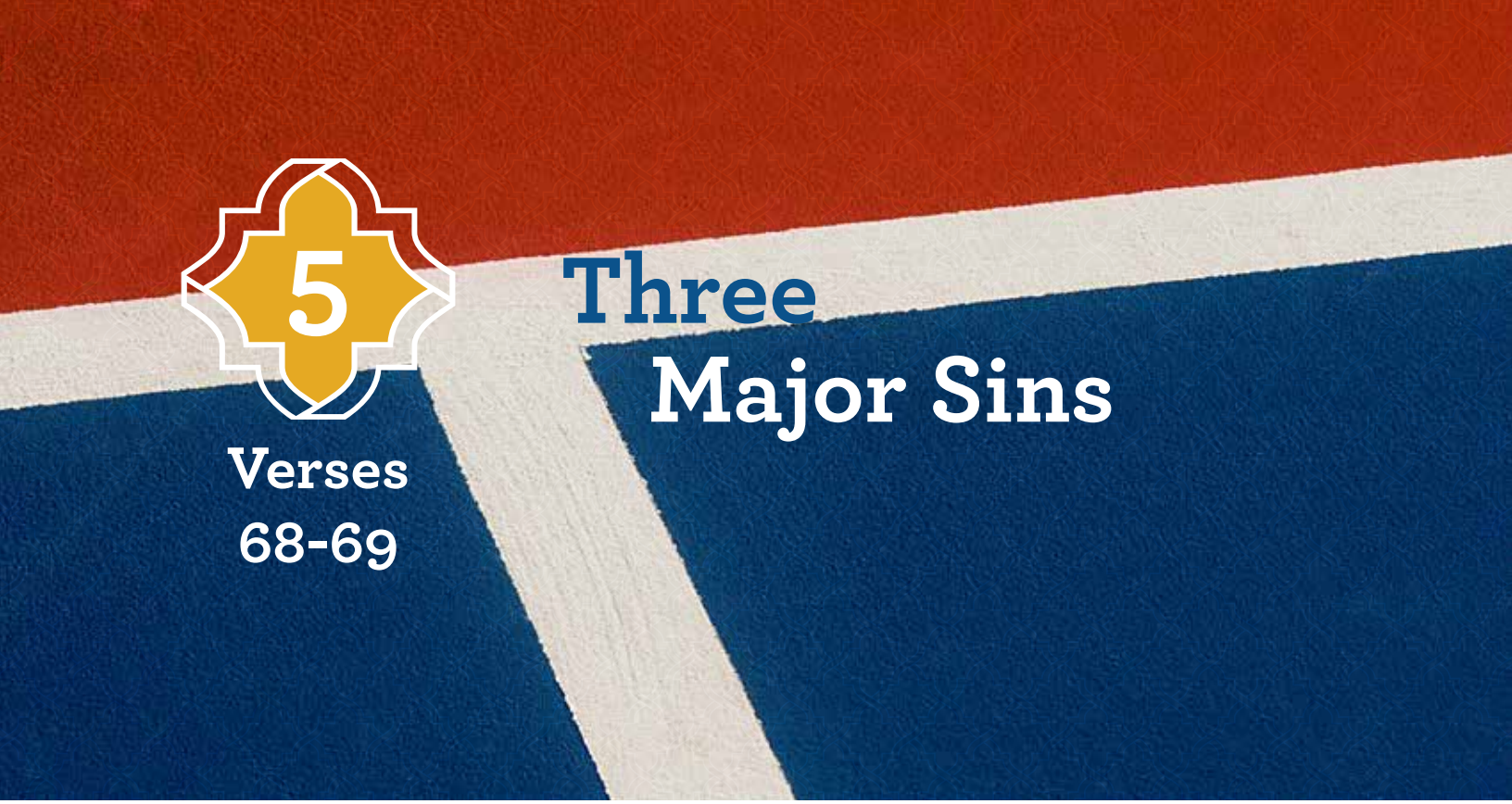
5. Believers did this in a balanced manner أأنوقف أَنفَقُوا

6. Believers didn't spend what they didn't have الس وري م ف لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا

7. Believers didn't hold back when giving to charity الور م قي ت لَمْ يَقْتُرُوا

Matching: Match the Arabic word to its translation. Write the letter in the blank.

B They spent	لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا	**A**
A They were not extravagant	أَنفَقُوا	**B**
C They were not miserly	لَمْ يَقْتُرُوا	**C**



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Three Major Sins

Verses 68-69

Vocabulary

They don't call upon	لا يَدْعُونَ
They don't kill	لا يَقْتُلُونَ
It is/will be multiplied	يُضَاعَفْ
Humiliated	مُهَانًا

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللهِ إِلٰهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ ۚ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذٰلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا ﴿٦٨﴾ يُضَاعَفْ لَهُ الْعَذَابُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَخْلُدْ فِيهِ مُهَانًا ﴿٦٩﴾

And those who do not call with Allah any other god, nor take a life which Allah has made sacred (except in the pursuit of justice), nor commit fornication. Whoever does this will face punishment. On the Day of Judgment, the punishment will be multiplied for him, and he will live there forever, disgraced.

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:68-69)

Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

These verses describe the sixth, seventh, and eighth characteristics of the servants of ar-Raḥmān:

6. Not calling on anyone along with Allah

7. Not killing unjustly

8. Not committing zinā (indecent, forbidden relationships outside of marriage)

Doing Good, Avoiding Bad

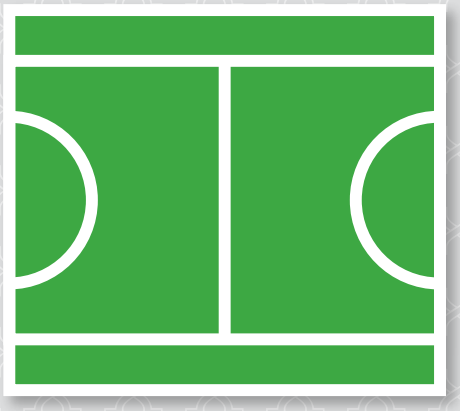
Believers not only strive to do good deeds (like the ones mentioned in previous verses, such as treating others with respect, worshipping by night, making duʿā, and giving in a balanced way), but they are also careful to keep their heart and actions pure from sinful thoughts and deeds.

Remembering and Respecting Allah

They call only upon Allah because He is the one who responds to their duʿās. When they seek help from anyone or anything, they know it is Allah who is helping them through that person/thing, not that it is independent from Allah. They fear only Allah's punishment and they have hope only in Allah.

They honor and respect all human beings and do not murder any innocent beings.

They are respectful of the boundaries Allah has placed in the way they look, talk, and interact with others.



1. What are the three major sins mentioned in these verses?

1. Calling on anyone along with Allah
2. Killing unjustly
3. Committing zinā (indecent, forbidden relationships outside of marriage).

2. Is it ok to seek help from other people? Explain your answer.

Yes; When they seek help from anyone or anything, they know it is Allah who is helping them through that person/thing, not that it is independent from Allah.

3. Believers not only strive to do good deeds, but they are also careful to keep their heart and actions pure from sinful thoughts and deeds.

4. Fill in the blanks of this vocabulary table:

English	Arabic
They don't call upon	لا يَدْعُونَ
They don't kill	لا يَقْتُلُونَ
It is/will be multiplied	يُضَاعَفْ
Humiliated	مُهَانًا

Fill in the blanks and complete the word search using the word in the blanks.

5. Believers are respectful of the ___boundaries___ Allah has placed in the way they look, talk, and interact with others.
6. They ___honor___ and ___respect___ all human beings and do not ___murder___ any innocent beings.
7. They are also careful to keep their ___heart___ and ___actions___ pure from sinful ___thoughts___ and ___deeds___.

Y	Q	F	M	A	O	M	B	Y	R	E	S	P	E	C	T	M	M
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R	C	J	P	Z	W	H	B	A	F	P	N	H	O	D	E	I	N
F	V	S	B	I	P	Y	H	T	R	A	X	S	Y	B	S	S	D
C	C	C	V	M	Y	Q	B	X	P	T	X	G	X	X	S	D	R
U	T	H	O	U	G	H	T	S	M	U	R	I	Z	U	H	F	M

6 Repentance

Verses 70-71

Vocabulary

He repented	تَابَ
He replaces	يُبَدِّلُ
Evil deeds	سَيِّئَات
Good deeds	حَسَنَات

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا
فَأُولَٰئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ ۗ وَكَانَ
اللهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٧٠﴾
وَمَنْ تَابَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَإِنَّهُ يَتُوبُ إِلَى
اللهِ مَتَابًا ﴿٧١﴾

Unless he repents, believes, and does righteous deeds. For them, Allah will replace their evil deeds with good deeds. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. And whoever repents and does good, he indeed repents to Allah with true repentance.

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:70-71)

Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

The ninth characteristic of the servants of ar-Raḥmān is that:

9. They repent to Allah if they commit a sin

Effect of Repentance

When someone repents for past sins, believes, and performs good deeds, the gloomy effects of sins will be removed from their soul and will be changed to good effects. They will also be inspired to do good deeds instead of bad deeds. For example, if someone formerly committed murder and then truly repents, in the future, he might instead defend the oppressed against the oppressors.

Sincere *tawbah* (repentance) changes man's deeds, reforms his improper behavior, and purifies him, just like how Allah creates beautiful and pure flowers to blossom from soil and manure.

Belivers/Servants

Believers are hopeful in the mercy of Allah and never despair. They try their best to act as servants of Allah and do what He asks from them. If they commit a sin, they do tawbah right away.

What steps does one need to take in order to perform tawbah?

Acknowledge with Allah that one has committed a sin

•

Feel sorry and regretful

•

Resolve not to repeat it

•

Make up whatever is needed (like *qaḍāʾ* prayers if prayers are missed)

•

If the sin involves someone else, compensate for any damage or loss, and seek their forgiveness if need be.

1. According to the lesson, how can someone's evil deeds be replaced with good deeds?

When someone repents for past sins, believes, and performs good deeds, the gloomy effects of sins will be removed from their soul and will be changed to good effects.

2. What does tawbah mean? repentance

3. Believers are hopeful in the mercy of Allah and never despair.

4. Let's say that a mu'min (believer) commits a sin by making fun of another mu'min. Explain the difference between tawbah that is sincere vs. tawbah that is insincere.

Kind of Tawbah	How a mu'min does tawbah after committing a sin
sincere	Answers may vary
insincere	Answers may vary

5. Select the correct translation for each Arabic word. Bubble in your answer:

a.	تَابَ	○ He replaces	● He repented
b.	يُبَدِّلُ	● He replaces	○ He repented
c.	سَيِّئَات	● Evil deeds	○ Good deeds
d.	حَسَنَات	○ Evil deeds	● Good deeds

6. What steps does one need to take in order to perform tawbah?

- Acknowledge with Allah that one has committed a sin
- Feel sorry and regretful
- Resolve not to repeat it
- Make up whatever is needed (like qaḍāʾ prayers if prayers are missed)
- If the sin involves someone else, compensate for any damage or loss, and seek their forgiveness if need be.

Unscramble: Use the clue and unscramble the Arabic letters to make a word.

7. A believer did this if he comitted a sin ابت تَابَ

8. A believer changes his bad deeds for good بيلدد يُبَدِّلُ

9. Allah will replace this with good deeds ياء تس سَيِّئَات

10. Believers are inspired to do this instead of bad deeds اسحنت حَسَنَات

7 Not Bearing Witness to Falsehood & Passing by with Dignity

Verse 72

Vocabulary

They don't witness	لَا يَشْهَدُونَ
Falsehood	الزُّورَ
They passed by	مَرُّوا
Something vain and frivolous	اللَّغْوِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ الزُّورَ وَإِذَا مَرُّوا
بِاللَّغْوِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا ﴿٧٢﴾

And those who don't give false witness, and when they pass by what is vain, they pass by with dignity.

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:72)

Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

The 10th and 11th characteristics of the servants of ar-Raḥmān are:

10. They don't give false witness

11. They pass by vain things with dignity

Not Witnessing Falsehood

"Witnessing falsehood" can mean:

- Being a witness to lies and injustice in a court of law, or
- Being present in a sinful gathering, such as a gathering with prohibited songs, wine, lies, backbiting, or inappropriate interaction.

Servants of ar-Raḥmān avoid both of these types of falsehood.

Passing by with Dignity

Laghw is anything that is vain and doesn't have a purpose. Believers have a rational, useful, and good aim in everything they do.

When they see others engaging in useless things, they don't get affected.

If they are in the position to help and change things for good, and/or do amr bil maʿrūf and nahī ʿanil munkar, they do so.

1. What are the 10th and 11th attributes of the servants of the All-Compassionate mentioned in this verse?

They don't give false witness and that they pass by vain things with dignity.

2. What are the two types of "witnessing falsehood" according to the lesson?

(1) Being a witness to lies and injustice in a court of law, or (2) being present in a sinful gathering, such as a gathering with prohibited songs, wine, lies, backbiting, or inappropriate interaction.

3. Let's say you were invited to attend a party which has ḥarām music and dancing. How can you take inspiration from verse 72 when responding to the invitation?

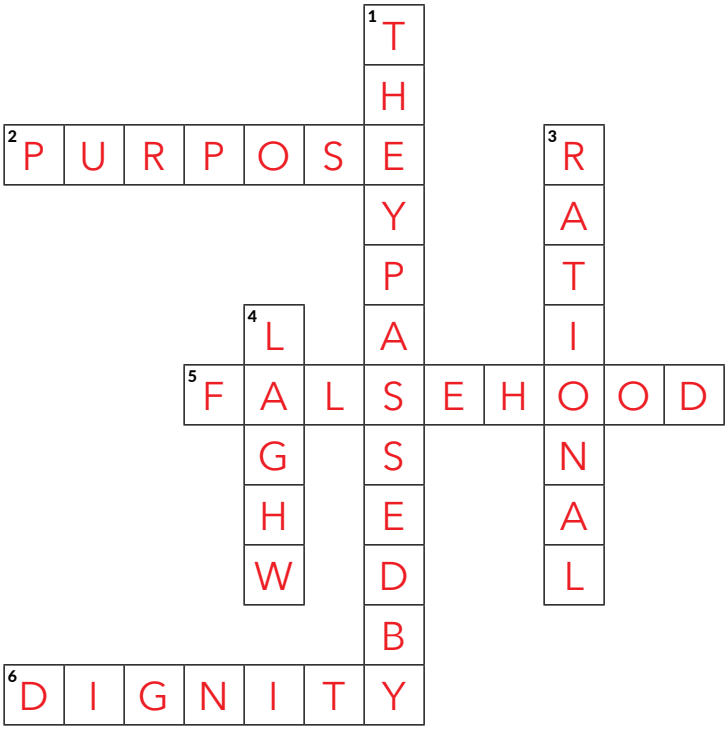
Answer may vary

4. Laghw is anything that is vain and doesn't have a purpose.

Matching: Match the Arabic word to its translation. Write the letter in the blank.

C They don't witness	الزُّورَ	**A**
A Falsehood	اللَّغْو	**B**
D They passed by	لَا يَشْهَدُونَ	**C**
B Something vain and frivolous	مَرُّوا	**D**

5. Complete the crossword below. (Do not include spaces or diacritic marks)



Across

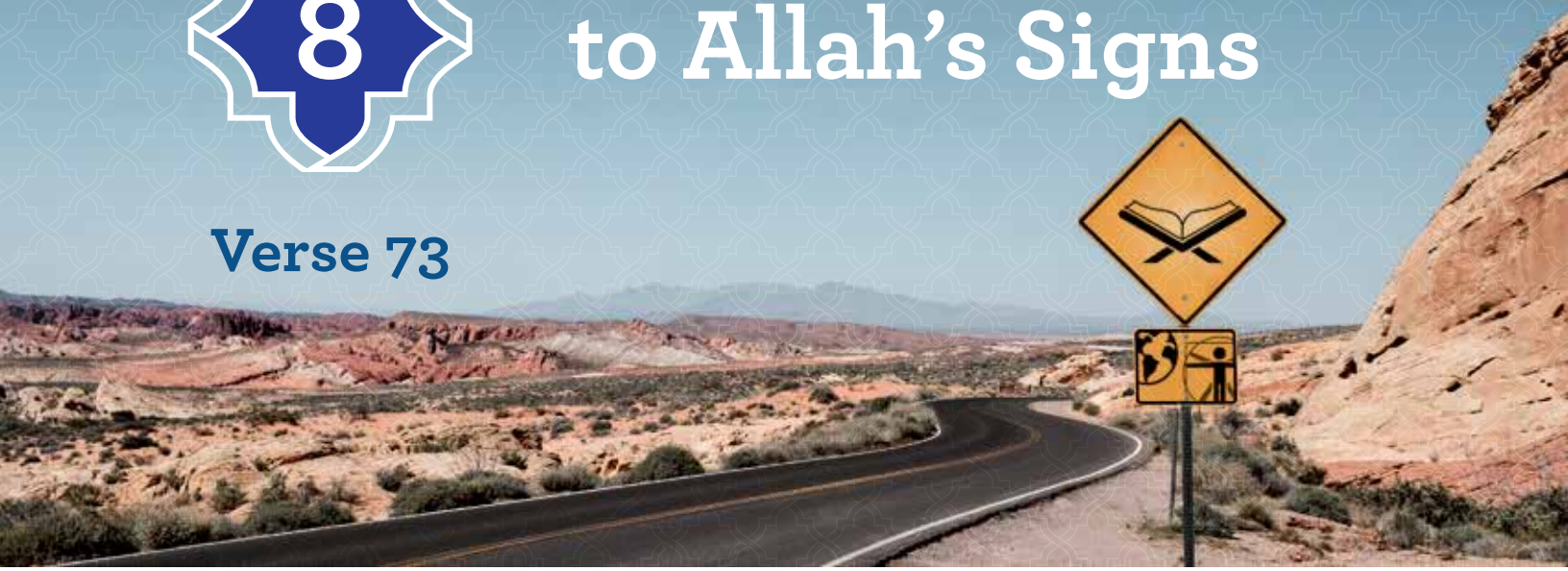
2. *Laghw* is anything that is vain and doesn't have a _____.
5. الزُّورَ
6. Believers pass by vain things with _____.

Down

1. مَرُّوا
3. Believers have a _____, useful, and good aim in everything they do.
4. Something vain and frivolous

8 Paying Attention to Allah's Signs

Verse 73



Vocabulary

They were reminded	ذُكِّرُوا
Signs	آيَات

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ لَمْ يَخِرُّوا عَلَيْهَا صُمًّا وَعُمْيَانًا ﴿٧٣﴾

Those who, when reminded of the signs of their Lord, do not turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to them.

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:73)

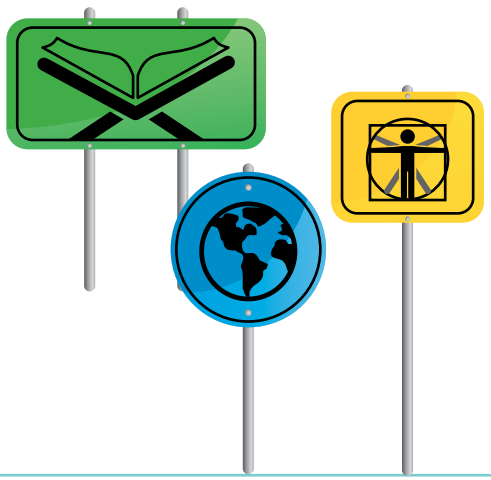
Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

The 12th characteristic of the servants of the All-Merciful is that

12. They pay attention to the signs of Allah, their Lord and Nurturer

Signs of Allah include:

- Wisdom from verses of the Qurʾān and the words of the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa)
- Signs of Allah's power, knowledge, wisdom, and mercy in the world around us and within us. For example, our own body is a sign of Allah because in it, we see Allah's power, knowledge, wisdom, and mercy.



Reacting to the Signs of Allah

When true believers are reminded of Allah through His signs, they pay attention and are affected in their hearts. They ask Allah for insight and guidance to be able to increase their knowledge. They want to know Allah beyond just a superficial level. They think about Him and His signs, and they wish to see Him through His signs.

They are willing to listen and be guided. They never assume that they have reached a point where they don't need more guidance.

They do not easily get fooled or shaken in their beliefs by others. In a ḥadīth, Imām aṣ-Ṣādiq (ʿa) describes the servants of ar-Raḥmān who have this quality by saying,

"They are people of insight who do not doubt [in their faith]."

8 Paying Attention to Allah's Signs: WORKSHEET

1. What would a true servant of the Raḥmān do when reminded about a sign of Allah, such as a verse from the Qurʾān?

When true believers are reminded of Allah through His signs, they pay attention and are affected in their hearts. They ask Allah for insight and guidance to be able to increase their knowledge.

2. Give an example of how someone can "turn a deaf ear and blind eye" to the signs of Allah.

Answers may vary

3. Write the verse and its translation in the correct order:

لَمْ يَخِرُّوا	بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ	وَالَّذِينَ	وَعُمْيَانًا	إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا	عَلَيْهَا صُمًّا

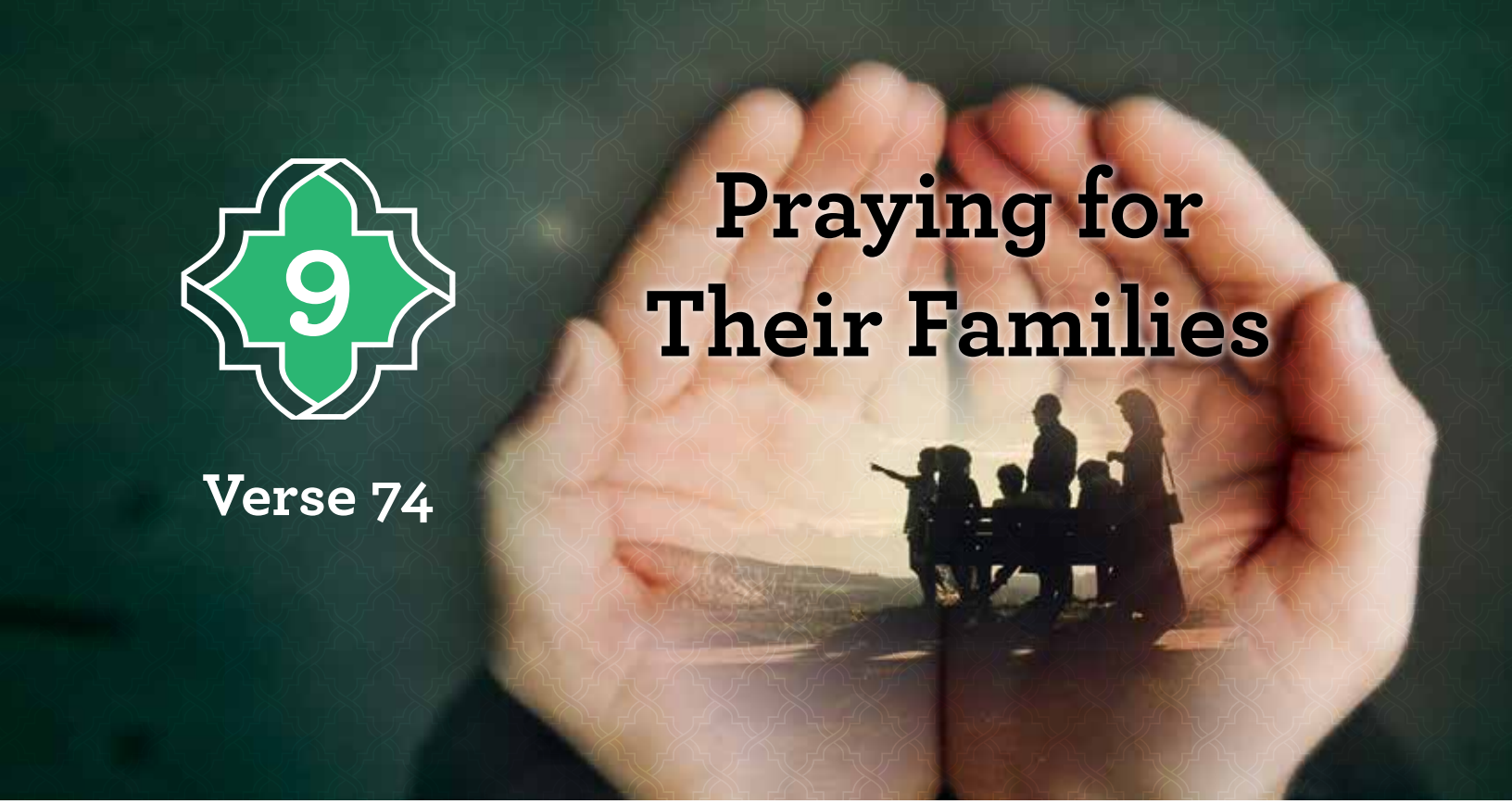
وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ لَمْ يَخِرُّوا عَلَيْهَا صُمًّا وَعُمْيَانًا

when reminded of | do not turn a deaf ear | Those who, | and a blind eye to them. | the signs of their Lord,

Those who, when reminded of the signs of their Lord, do not turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to them.

4. How is the human eye a sign of Allah? Fill out the table below to explain to the best of your knowledge, using the first line as an example:

It is a sign of Allah's...	The human eye
Power	Allah has given us the capability of seeing things far and near, with different colors, and to detect very faint motion. Our eyes can adjust to different amounts of light fairly rapidly. Many different emotions can be triggered by scenes that we see, and there is a lot of information we take in through our eyes. All of these are incredible features of our eyes, that show us the power and capability of Allah, who created them!
Wisdom	
Knowledge	
Mercy	



9

Praying for Their Families

Verse 74

Vocabulary

They say	يَقُولُونَ
Spouses	أَزْوَاج
Offspring	ذُرِّيَّات
Delight of the eye	قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ
أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا
لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾

And those who say, "Our Lord! Make our spouses and our offspring the joy of our eyes and make us leaders for those who have taqwā."

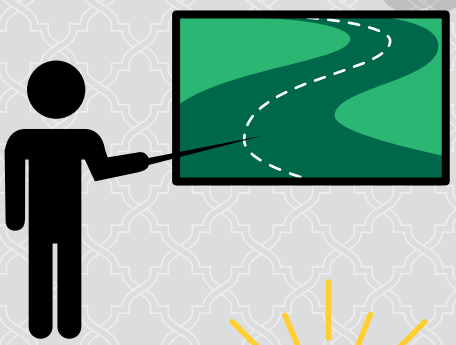
(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:74)

Qualities of the Servants of ar-Raḥmān

The 13th characteristic of the servants of ar-Raḥmān is that:

13. They pray for their families

The Arabic phrase "qurrat ul-ʿayn" literally means "coolness of the eye." In the Arabic language, this expression is used for things that cause so much joy to the one who sees them that they shed cool tears of joy and pride.



Praying for Family

True believers train their children by teaching them the main principles and laws of Islam and the path of truth and justice. They encourage and support their spouses to perform good deeds. They become happy when they see their spouses and children obeying Allah and staying away from disobeying Him, and pray for them to do so.

Leaders

They invite others to the right path as leaders. They have the means and qualifications of being leaders (Islamic leaders). They are leaders who, like a guiding light, show the way to those who are lost.

1. According to what was explained in the lesson regarding verse 74, when would a true servant of the Raḥmān be happy about his family?

They become happy when they see their spouses and children obeying Allah and staying away from disobeying Him, and pray for them to do so.

2. What does qurratul ʿayn mean?

The Arabic phrase "qurratul ʿayn" literally means "coolness of the eye" (or delight of the eye)

Fill in the blanks with the Arabic word.

3. "Our Lord! Make our أَزْوَاج …

4. …and our ذُرِّيَّات the joy of our eyes …"

Matching: Match the Arabic word to its translation. Write the letter in the blank.

D	They say	ذُرِّيَّات	**A**
B	Spouses	أَزْوَاج	**B**
A	Offspring	قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ	**C**
C	Delight of the eye	يَقُولُونَ	**D**

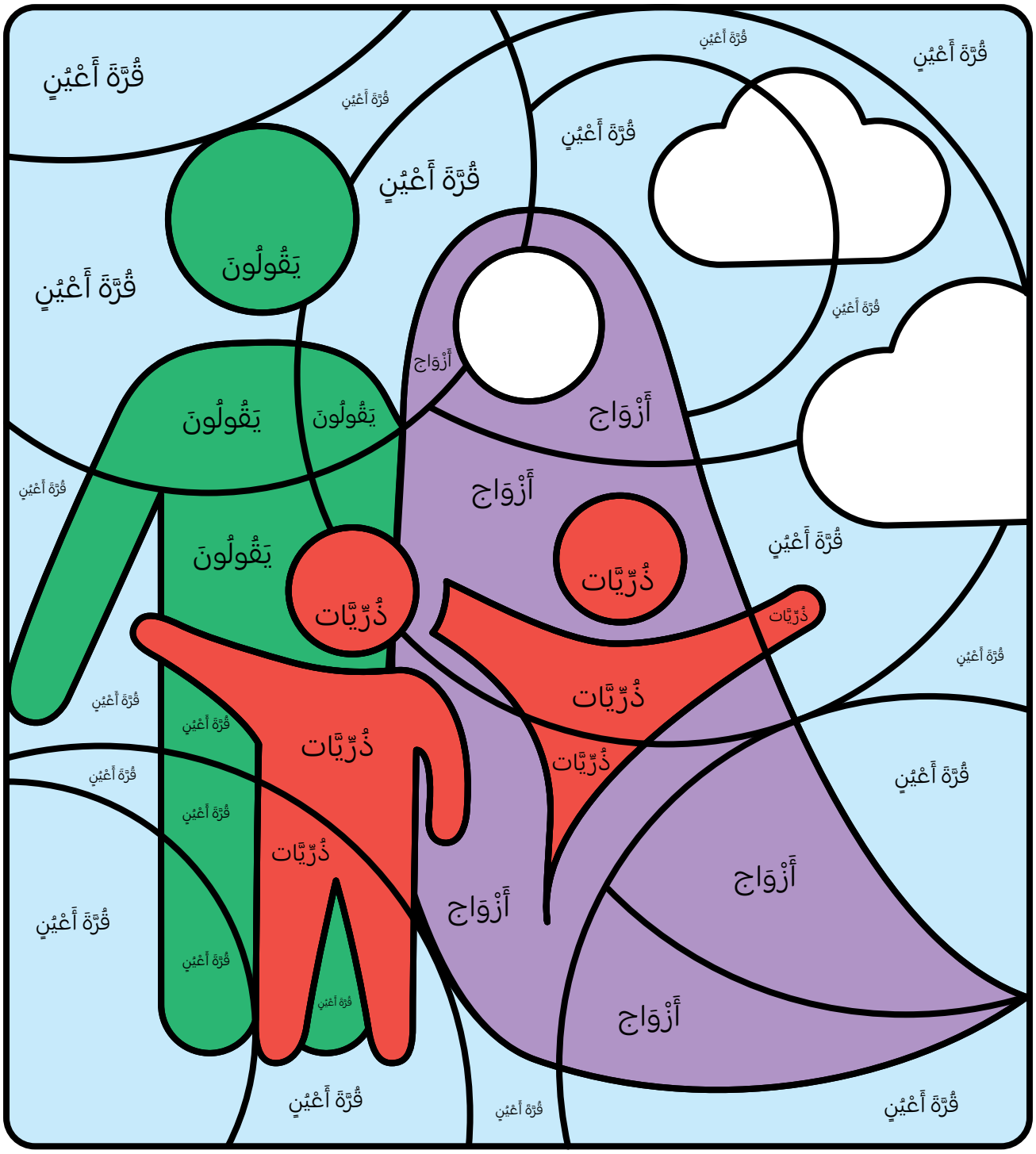
Color by word: Color the Arabic words based on the English translation.

LIGHT BLUE = Delight of the eye

PURPLE = Spouses

RED = Offspring

GREEN = They say



10

Their Beautiful Reward

Verses 75-76

Vocabulary

They are or will be rewarded	يُجْزَوْنَ
They were patient	صَبَرُوا
Greeting and salutation	تَحِيَّة
Staying forever	خَالِدِينَ

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

أُولَٰئِكَ يُجْزَوْنَ الْغُرْفَةَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَيُلَقَّوْنَ فِيهَا
تَحِيَّةً وَسَلَامًا ﴿٧٥﴾
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ حَسُنَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا ﴿٧٦﴾

They will be rewarded with a high place to live (in Paradise) because of their patience. They will be met there with salutation and peace, staying there forever. What a beautiful dwelling place and station!

(SŪRAH AL-FURQĀN, 25:75-76)

These final verses about the servants of ar-Raḥmān describe the Paradise that awaits them in the hereafter.

The Arabic word غُرْفَةَ (ghurfah) means the upper levels of a building. In this verse, it means the highest ranks and stations in Paradise.

Heavenly Rank

True believers will achieve high ranks in Heaven because of living up to the characteristics of the servants of ar-Raḥmān described in previous verses. They are welcomed by Allah and are also greeted by the angels.

Because they are the leaders for the believers (as described in the previous verse), their Heavenly rank and position is also higher.

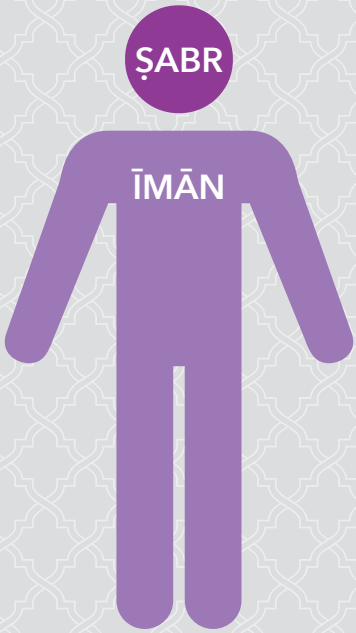
Patience

They have ṣabr, or patience and perseverance, in maintaining those characteristics.

It is reported that Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) said,

"The position of ṣabr (patience) compared to īmān (faith) is like the head to the body."

Without patience in facing challenges and perseverance in obeying Allah, one cannot have and maintain strong īmān.



1. According to verse 75, what qualities do the servants of Raḥmān have that allows them to be in the high ranks of heaven?

True believers will achieve high ranks in Heaven because of living up to the characteristics of the servants of ar-Raḥmān described in previous verses.

2. Take one of the characteristics mentioned in previous verses regarding the servants of the Raḥmān, and explain what you think it would mean to have patience and perseverance in maintaining that characteristic.

Answers may vary

Fill in the blanks

3. Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) said, "The position of ṣabr (patience) compared to īmān (faith) is like the head to the body."

4. Fill in the blanks of this vocabulary table:

English	Arabic
They are or will be rewarded	يُجْزَوْنَ
They were patient	صَبَرُوا
Greeting and salutation	تَحِيَّة
Staying forever	خَالِدِينَ

Writing: Practice writing the vocabulary words from this lesson.

يُجْزَوْنَ يُجْزَوْنَ يُجْزَوْنَ

They are or will be rewarded

صَبَرُوا صَبَرُوا صَبَرُوا

They were patient

تَحِيَّة تَحِيَّة تَحِيَّة

Greeting and salutation

خَالِدِينَ خَالِدِينَ خَالِدِينَ

Staying forever

Review

List the 13 characteristics of the servants of ar-Raḥmān mentioned in verses 63-76 of Sūrah Al-Furqān.

1. They walk humbly on the earth.
2. They respond properly to ignorant people.
3. They sincerely worship Allah at night.
4. They pray to Allah to keep the punishment of Hell away from themselves.
5. They spend in the way of Allah in a balanced manner.
6. They do not call on anyone along with Allah
7. They do not kill unjustly
8. They do not commit zinā.
9. They repent to Allah if they commit a sin.
10. They don't give false witness.
11. They pass by vain things with dignity.
12. They pay attention to the signs of Allah and are affected in their hearts./They do not turn a deaf ear and a blind eye when reminded of the signs of Allah.
13. They pray for their families.

1. Fill in the missing words and their translation in the table below.

وَعِبَادُ ___1___ الَّذِينَ ___2___ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ ___3___ وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ ___4___ قَالُوا سَلَامًا

	Arabic Word	English Translation
1	الرَّحْمَٰنِ	The All-Compassionate
2	يَمْشُونَ	They walk
3	هَوْنًا	Humbly
4	الْجَاهِلُونَ	The ignorant ones

2. Fill in the missing words and their translation in the table below.

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ ___1___ وَإِذَا ___2___ بِا ___3___ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا

	Arabic Word	English Translation
1	الزُّورَ	Falsehood
2	مَرُّوا	They passed by
3	اللَّغْوِ	Something vain and frivolous

3. Fill in the missing words and their translation in the table to the right.

وَالَّذِينَ ___1___ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ ___2___ وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا ___3___ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

	Arabic Word	English Translation
1	يَقُولُونَ	They say
2	أَزْوَاجِ	Spouses
3	قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ	Delight of the eye

4. Fill in the blanks with the Arabic or English words.

	English	Arabic
1	They were not extravagant	لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا
2	They don't call upon	لا يَدْعُونَ
3	Staying forever	خَالِدِينَ
4	It is/will be multiplied	يُضَاعَفْ
5	They were not miserly	لَمْ يَقْتُرُوا
6	Servants or slaves (of Allah)	عِباد
7	They don't kill	لا يَقْتُلُونَ
8	He repented	تَابَ
9	They don't witness	لَا يَشْهَدُونَ
10	Punishment	عَذَاب
11	They are or will be rewarded	يُجْزَوْنَ

	English	Arabic
12	Humiliated	مُهَانًا
13	They stay up at night	يَبِيتُونَ
14	Signs	آيَات
15	Greeting and salutation	تَحِيَّة
16	They were patient	صَبَرُوا
17	Evil deeds	سَيِّئَات
18	Good deeds	حَسَنَات
19	The earth	الْأَرْضِ
20	For their Lord	لِرَبِّهِمْ
21	Offspring	ذُرِّيَّات
22	He replaces	يُبَدِّلُ

5. Choose the best option for the translation of each of the following words.

لَا يَشْهَدُونَ

a) They don't kill
b) They don't call upon
c) They don't witness
d) They were not extravagant

أَزْوَاج

a) Offspring
b) Spouses
c) They are or will be rewarded
d) Staying forever

غَرَامًا

a) Difficult and lasting
b) Punishment
c) Evil deeds
d) Humiliated

لا يَدْعُونَ

a) They don't witness
b) They don't call upon
c) They don't kill
d) They don't commit sin

أَنفَقُوا

a) They stay up at night
b) They were patient
c) They say
d) They spent

هَوْنًا

a) Humbly
b) Humiliated
c) Good deeds
d) Signs

ذُكِّرُوا

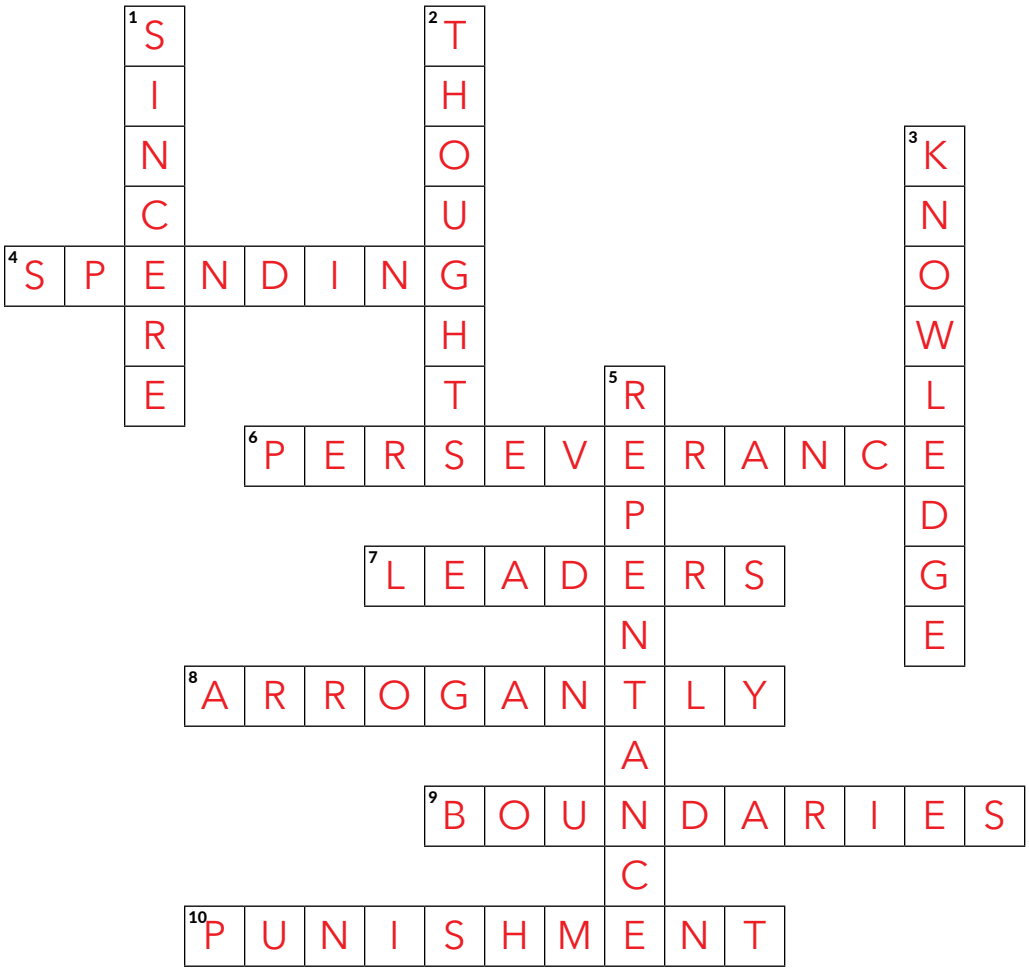
a) Falsehood
b) Offspring
c) They stay up at night
d) They were reminded

مَرُّوا

a) They spent
b) They were reminded
c) They passed by
d) They stay up at night

The Servants of the Raḥmān: REVIEW

Complete the crossword below. (Do not include spaces or diacritic marks)



ACROSS

4. Infāq
6. Without patience in facing challenges and _____ in obeying Allah, one cannot have and maintain strong īmān.
7. Servants of ar-Raḥmān are _____ who, like a guiding light, show the way to those who are lost.
8. Believers "walk" in life humbly, meaning that they move around and interact with others without acting _____ and oppressively.
9. Believers are respectful of the _____ Allah has placed in the way they look, talk, and interact with others.
10. Believers pray to Allah to keep the _____ of Hell away from themselves.

DOWN

1. The third attribute of the servants of the ar-Raḥmān is their _____ worshipping of Allah by night.
2. Believers are careful to keep their heart and actions pure from sinful _____ and deeds.
3. Believers pay attention to the signs of Allah's power, _____, wisdom, and mercy in the world around us and within us.
5. Tawbah

Word Search

Find the Arabic word of the translations listed. It might help to write the Arabic version first.

ث	ك	غ	ض	ه	ح	ب	ا	ت	ق
ج	ب	ا	و	ر	ب	ص	ء	ع	أ
ش	س	ح	س	ن	ا	ت	ب	خ	ه
د	ف	ذ	ج	ا	ي	ا	ظ	م	و
ط	د	ه	ا	ن	م	ه	ب	ر	ل
ا	غ	ف	و	ا	ش	أ	ص	ت	ت
ن	ز	ه	ز	ه	و	ج	د	ص	ح
ا	ش	خ	أ	م	ن	ش	ظ	ا	ي
ب	غ	د	ل	ع	ذ	ا	ب	ر	ة
ف	ل	ذ	ج	ن	ي	د	ل	ا	خ

He repented تَابَ

Good deeds حَسَنَات

Greeting and salutation تَحِيَّة

For their Lord لِرَبِّهِمْ

They were patient صَبَرُوا

Spouses أَزْوَاج

Humiliated مُهَانًا

They walk يَمْشُونَ

Staying forever خَالِدِينَ

Punishment عَذَاب

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Servants or slaves (of Allah)	عِباد
The All-Compassionate	الرَّحْمَٰنِ
They walk	يَمْشُونَ
Humbly	هَوْنًا
The earth	الْأَرْضِ
The ignorant ones	الْجَاهِلُونَ

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They stay up at night	يَبِيتُونَ
For their Lord	لِرَبِّهِمْ
Punishment	عَذَاب
Difficult and lasting	غَرَامًا
They spent	أَنفَقُوا
They were not extravagant	لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا

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They were not miserly	لَمْ يَقْتُرُوا
They don't call upon	لا يَدْعُونَ
They don't kill	لا يَقْتُلُونَ
It is/will be multiplied	يُضَاعَفْ
Humiliated	مُهَانًا
He repented	تَابَ

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He replaces	يُبَدِّلُ
Evil deeds	سَيِّئَات
Good deeds	حَسَنَات
They don't witness	لَا يَشْهَدُونَ
Falsehood	الزُّورَ
They passed by	مَرُّوا

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Something vain and frivolous	اللَّغْو
They were reminded	ذُكِّرُوا
Signs	آيَات
They say	يَقُولُونَ
Spouses	أَزْوَاج
Offspring	ذُرِّيَّات

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Delight of the eye	قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ
They are or will be rewarded	يُجْزَوْنَ
They were patient	صَبَرُوا
Greeting and salutation	تَحِيَّة
Staying forever	خَالِدِينَ

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